GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON PRICES OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a committee to regulate drug pricing and also identify the essential drugs to be put under the price control;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received recommendations from the committee;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations;

(d) the details of the recommendations accepted by the Government; and

(e) the time schedule fixed to implement the recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A Committee under the Chairmanship of the Joint Secretary (Pharmaceuticals) has been constituted to examine the span of price control (including trade margin) in the light of the National Common Minimum Programme and the observations of the Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (SLP) No. (C) 3668/2003 and to suggest measures for fulfilling the objective of the National Common Minimum Programme to ensure the availability of life saving drugs at reasonable prices. This Committee has submitted only its interim report to the Government.